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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities received prior to 6 September 1955:

#### A. General:

There were intensive firing practices, particularly by tank artillery units, in the Letzling Heath and Altengrabow areas. The Second and Fourth Cuards Mechanized Armies performed regimental and combat group exercises. On 24 August, the Seventh Guards Mechanized Division , presumably, practiced their first divisional exercises. The first indication of discharges was evident in late August.

There were 12 posts evacuated prior to 30 August. Training continued in the known training areas.

# Soviet Dispositions:

# 1. Eighth Guards Army:

8 August

: Two shipments were sent from Altengrabow to Saalfeld.

26 August

: The Rocket Launcher Regiment of the 28th Guards Motorized Rifle Corps, and the Engineer Battalion of the 39th Guards Motorized Rifle Division were observed at the Saalfeld post.

26-28 August: The Weimar and Zeitz posts of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division were unoccupied; the tank units of these posts

were in the Zeitz forest.

26 August

: One tank detail was sent from Jena to Haldensleben.

25 July -

5 August

: Five shipments of the artillery brigade of the 29th Guards Motorized Rifle Corps were sent from Merseburg to Altengrabow and five shipments of this same brigade were sent from Altengrabow to Merseburg.

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#### 2. Third Shock Army:

25 August : The 20th Army Artillery Brigade was sent from Brandenburg to Letzling Heath. This unit is expected to return to

Brandenburg in late September.

1-6 August : Three shipments of the artillery brigade of the 79th Motorized Rifle Corps were sent from Tangerhuette to

Jaevenitz, and three shipments of this same brigade were

sent from Jaevenitz to Tangerhuette.

28 August : Three shipments of artillery units of the 9th Motorized Rifle Corps, or the 94th Guards Motorized Rifle Division, with more than 40 heavy anti-tank guns, and 16 x 152 mm

field howitzers, were sent to Gardelegen.

#### 3. First Guards Mechanized Army:

10-25 August: River crossings were practiced by mixed units in the Muehleberg/Elbe area.

15-19 August: Five shipments, with elements of the Jueterbog artillery brigade, were sent from Koenigsbrueck to Forst Zinna, and

three were sent from Forst Zinna to Koenigsbrucck.

21 July -

19 August : Three shipments, with elements of the Jueterbog Rocket
Launcher Regiment, were sent from Meissen to Forst Zinna.
Later, the three shipments returned to Meissen. These units
were confirmed in the Forst Zinna area by motor-vehicle

numbers.

10-19 August: Tank units of the Ninth Tank Division from Oschatz and Riesa

performed individual combat firing practices at Zeithain.

### 4. Second Guards Mechanized Army:

16 August-

1 September: Wheeled elements of the First Mechanized Division together with the Second Light Artillery Brigade were, presumably,

performing combat group exercises in the Ketzin-Behnitz area west of the Doeberitz training grounds. These units had not

returned as of 1 September.

17 August-

1 September: Five shipments of the First Mechanized Division's tank units

were observed going to and from Letzling Heath.

16-17 August-

26-28 August: The 12th Guards Tank Division practiced one or two regimental

exercises in the Wittstock Area.

21 August : Ten T-34's and 20 men were shipped from Altruppin to Haldensleben. It could not be determined whether the tanks

and men constituted a firing detail, or whether the T-34's

were merely being delivered.

22 August: A motorized unit, without heavy weapons, landed in Neustrelitz.

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## 5. Third Guards Mechanized Army:

18-25 August: There was intensive artillery firing in the Forst Zinna area.

3-25 August: The Sixth Guards Tank Division was in the Gallin-Wartenburg

training area.

26 August : The Seventh Guards Tank Division was in the Werder-Markendorf

training area.

24 August : A tank detail, with 20 T-34's and three JS-35's, was sent from

Rosslau to Haldensleben.

15-20 August: One shipment of the Lieberose Ninth Mechanized Division's

tank detail was observed going to and from Cottbus.

14 August : A shipment of artillery units was sent from Cottbus to

Lieberose.

19-27 August: The Luebben post was occupied to capacity.

# 6. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:

15 August : The Sixth Guards Mechanized Division's tank detail was sent

from Bernau to Letzling Heath.

20 August : The Sixth Guards Mechanized Division's engineer battalion

was in bivouac north of Bernau.

20-29 August: There were battalion exercises of mixed units in the

Freienwalde area.

24-26 August: Eight shipments from Frankfurt/Oder, two shipments from

Fuerstenwalde, and two shipments from Karlshorst, all with tank units of the Seventh Guards Mechanized Division, were

observed in the Spremberg-Cottbus area.

24 August : The Army Rocket-Launcher Regiment and the engineer battalion

of the Fuerstenwalde Seventh Guards Mechanized Division left Fuerstenwalde. The engineer battalion was en route toward

the north. These units were expected to return on 3

September.

26 August : Three shipments of tank and artillery units of the Tenth Guards Tank Division were sent from Wildpark and Satzkorn to

Lieberose. This transfer of units may possibly be for divisional exercises between the Seventh Guards Mechanized Division, and elements of the Tenth Guards Tank Division.

### 7. Fourth Artillery Corps:

27 August : The 124th Heavy Howitzer Brigade of the Sixth Artillery
Division left its post upon an alert. Some elements of this
Brigade entrained. The entire Brigade returned from an

undetermined training area on 31 August.

20 August : the 34th Artillery Division

in Potsdam prepared for return of their units.

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15 August Two shipments were sent to Ruegen via Stralsund.

15-19 August : Four shipments of the Fourth Anti-tank Brigade were sent

from Ruegen to Altengrabow, and four shipments of the same

Brigade were sent from Altengrabow to Ruegen.

18-28 August : Two shipments, with elements of the Third Guards Anti-tank

Brigade, were sent from Rostock to Letzling Heath, and two shipments of this same Brigade were sent from Letzling Heath

to Rostock.

12 August : Two shipments were sent from Kuestrin to Jueterbog.

15 August : Two shipments were sent from Kuestrin to Jueterbog.

#### C. Tank Program:

: Eight T-54's were sent from Frankfurt to Bernau. 21 August

Four shipments, with approximately 60 T-54's, were sent from 24-27 August:

Frankfurt to Satzkorn.1

### D. Personnel:

26 August The first indications of discharges, in groups up to 30 men, were evident in Weimar and Luebben.

28 August The personnel distribution point of the Third Shock Army in

Magdeburg was still vacant.

25X1 discharges were to take place in Zhitomir during September and October.

E. Austria:

30 July to

24 August One hundred and fifty-four shipments, with 6,600 railroad cars, left Austria for an unknown destination.

Prior to 30

August

The following posts were evacuated: Korneuburg, Stockerau, Stammersdorf, Vienna X, Klosterneuburg, Kagran, Goetzendorf, Hainburg, Kaisersteinbruch, St. Poelten with Camp Spratzen, Eisenstadt, and Melk.

#### F. KVP:

19 August : A KVP shipment, with an artillery unit (possibly artillery elements of the Motorized Rifle Regiment of Prora), passed the Ribnitz railroad station en route towards Rostock. This artillery unit was possibly going to the Luebtheen training area south of Hagenow.

The Anti-aircraft Artillery Regiment of Altwarp is to be transferred to Kuehlungsborn, after 23 August.

10-18 August : There were river crossing practices, with approximately 200 KVP's, under the protection of six T-34's and eight guns on the Havel river near Goettlin and northwest of Rathenow. These practices may possibly have been performed by elements of the Mechanized Regiment from Potsdam which were coming from the Klietz training area.

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23 August	: Tank elements of Mechanized Regi Hohenstuecken were loaded for ar Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad st		he
27 August	A KVP column, with 50 to 60 true Loewenberg en route from the dir toward Gransee.	,	in ng
30 August :	The bulk of the Mechanized and A of Potsdam were, apparently stil	nti-aircraft Artillery Regiment	ts
18 August :	The KVP engineers were still at Muchlberg/Elbe.		of
16 August :	New GST courses were started at Ruegen, Schirgiswalde, Scheibe-A	the tent camps of Prerow, Breeg Lbach, and Georgenthal.	;e/
Comment:	Approximately 1810 T-54's have ar	rived since November 1954.	25X1
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